



# Hoosier SAFE-T News

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## PROJECT HOOSIER SAFE-T RADIO NETWORK TO IMPROVE INDIANA'S HOMELAND SECURITY

For all those first responders who are waiting for the Integrated Public Safety Commission to start building its system before they will consider joining Project Hoosier SAFE-T, Chairman Melvin Carraway has a message: The waiting is finally over.

Project vendor Motorola today started construction of Project Hoosier SAFE-T's North Zone. It is the beginning of a project phase where the SAFE-T network infrastructure is installed at 55 sites. This phase will bring coverage to 49 additional counties.

"This is a huge accomplishment," said Carraway. "This will enable all public safety agencies to talk to each other."

Carraway held a news conference on April 17 to commemorate the start of construction. It was held in Greenwood, near the site of the tower where system hardware was recently installed.

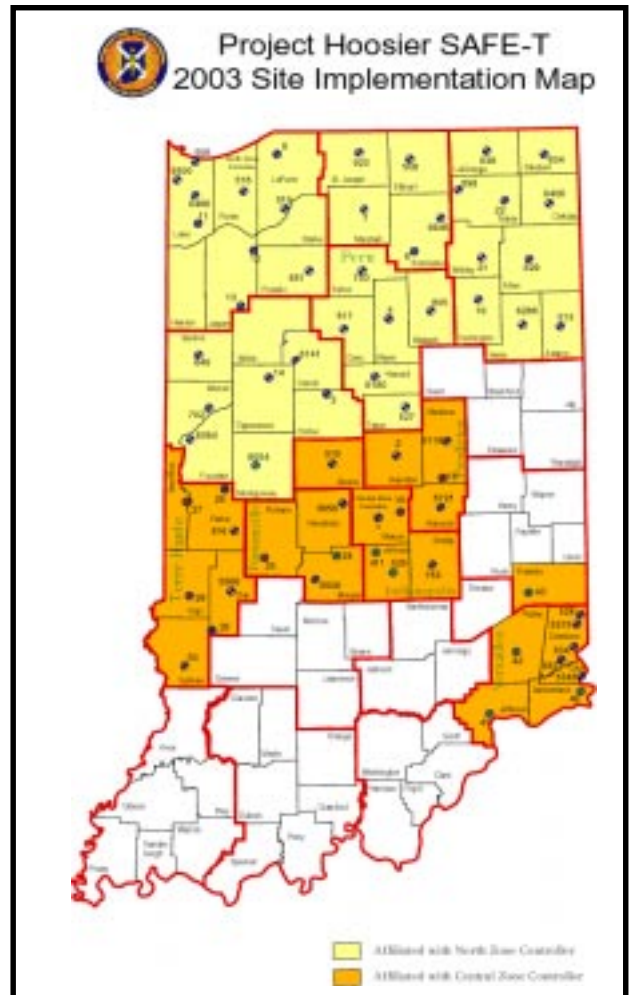
The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Plan portion of system infrastructure is scheduled to be completed by the fall of this year. The Northern Zone will be completed in spring of 2004, with the remainder of the sites being operational by the end of 2004.

Currently, the SAFE-T network provides mobile and portable coverage in Montgomery, Morgan, Johnson and Hendricks counties, while mobile coverage is widely available in Franklin, Ripley, Jefferson and Switzerland counties. Portable coverage is available on a much more limited basis in these counties due to the topography of the area.

"The new installation phase will significantly expand the number of counties that can benefit from the network," Carraway said. "When the North Zone is completed, coverage will be available from the state's northern border to a line stretching from Veedersburg to Tipton."

This installation phase also includes a portion of the Central Zone, which would provide coverage in 17 central Indiana counties, plus enhanced portable on the street coverage for two counties in Southeast Indiana.

IPSC last week received approval to begin building the SAFE-T infrastructure, when the State Office Building



## IPSC RECEIVES NEW FEDERAL FUNDING

For the fourth consecutive year, Congress has provided earmarks in its annual appropriation bill to IPSC to support construction of the SAFE-T network.

For the current fiscal year, IPSC received a \$1 million award from the U.S. Department of Justice's COPS program, and \$500,000 from the U.S. Department of

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Commission approved a resolution that provides \$30 million in financing for the project.

IPSC was able to pursue financing thanks to legislation passed last year by the Indiana General Assembly, which allocates \$10-12 million annually for the SAFE-T network. The financing plan gave IPSC the flexibility to pursue an aggressive installation schedule.

This is an important milestone for the SAFE-T network. Previously the project was stalled because IPSC did not have sufficient funding to proceed.

"We are extremely grateful for all of the generous support we received from the Indiana congressional delegation, the leadership of the General Assembly and the governor," Carraway said. "Without their assistance, we wouldn't have the progress we're celebrating."

The new SAFE-T installation phase affects the following counties:

<b>Adams</b>	<b>Marion</b>
<b>Allen</b>	<b>Miami</b>
<b>Benton</b>	<b>Morgan</b>
<b>Boone</b>	<b>Newton</b>
<b>Carroll</b>	<b>Noble</b>
<b>Cass</b>	<b>Ohio</b>
<b>Clay</b>	<b>Parke</b>
<b>Clinton</b>	<b>Porter</b>
<b>Dearborn</b>	<b>Putnam</b>
<b>Dekalb</b>	<b>Pulaski</b>
<b>Elkhart</b>	<b>St. Joseph</b>
<b>Fountain</b>	<b>Shelby</b>
<b>Fulton</b>	<b>Starke</b>
<b>Hancock</b>	<b>Steuben</b>
<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>Sullivan</b>
<b>Hendricks</b>	<b>Tippecanoe</b>
<b>Howard</b>	<b>Tipton</b>
<b>Huntington</b>	<b>Vermillion</b>
<b>Jasper</b>	<b>Vigo</b>
<b>Kosciusko</b>	<b>Wabash</b>
<b>Lagrange</b>	<b>Warren</b>
<b>Lake</b>	<b>Wells</b>
<b>Laporte</b>	<b>White</b>
<b>Madison</b>	<b>Whitley</b>
<b>Marshall</b>	

## Boone County Approves SAFE-T Network MOU

The Integrated Public Safety Commission has approved a Memorandum of Understanding to have the Boone County Sheriff's Department and other local public safety agencies in Boone County join the Project Hoosier SAFE-T network.

Sheriff Dennis Brannon approached IPSC last year about going on the network, and after preliminary discussions with IPSC staff, the Boone County Board of Commissioners ratified the deal.

Boone County is a portion of the SAFE-T Central Zone which is scheduled for completion early next year.

The Integrated Public Safety Commission has also approved three other MOUs with Indiana State Police, State Emergency Management Agency and Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

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Transportation.

IPSC Chair Melvin Carraway thanked the Indiana congressional delegation for its support of the project.

"We appreciate the leadership of our members of Congress," Carraway said. "We particularly appreciate the support of Congressman Pete Visclosky and Senators Evan Bayh and Richard

Lugar who played an integral role in assuring that SAFE-T funding was included in the appropriation bill. It is because of all of their support that we have been able to move this project forward."

For FY 04, the entire Indiana delegation has gone to bat once again by requesting the appropriations committee in both houses to provide \$5 million

through the USDOJ COPS program and \$5 million through the USDOT Intelligent Transportation System.

"Now that our nation is at war, it is gratifying to know that our leaders understand that SAFE-T is an essential part of Indiana's homeland security strategy.

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